

Bristol, NH



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County

Grafton

Labor Market Area

Plymouth, NH LMA

Tourism Region

Lakes

Planning Commission

Lakes Region

Regional Development

Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 1

State Senate

District 2

State Representative

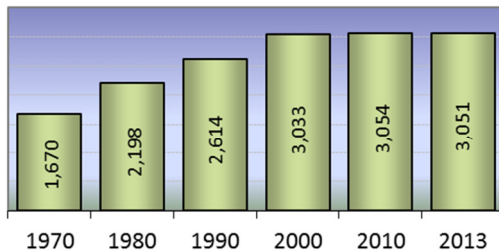
Grafton County Districts 9, 17

Incorporated: 1819

Origin: Bristol was incorporated in 1819, established on land taken from Bridgewater and New Chester (Hill). Extensive deposits of fine sand or clay similar to the Bristol sand used in Bristol, England, to make fine china and pottery gave this town its name. Here the sand was used to make a superior quality brick, marketed as Bristol brick. The town was center of manufacturing in the early days for such diverse goods as paper, leather, woolens, flannel, bedsteads, and piano stools. Bristol encompasses the lower two-thirds of Newfound Lake, including Wellington State Park.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 675 residents in 1820



Population Trends:

Population change for Bristol totaled 1,581 over 53 years, from 1,470 in 1960 to 3,051 in 2013.

The largest decennial percent change was a 32 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for over one-third of the total numeric change. The 2013 Census estimate for Bristol was 3,051 residents, which ranked 107th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 178.6 persons per square mile of land area. Bristol contains 17.1 square miles of land area and 5.0 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Town Manager	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$5,466,274	
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Zoning Ordinance		1985/14	
Master Plan		2006	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Budget		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Historic District		
Public Library	Minot-Sleeper		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth		14 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Bristol Water and Sewer	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$20.18	
2013 Equalization Ratio		101.8	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$20.92	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		86.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		9.5%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		4.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		2,482	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,950	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		262	
Five or More Units in Structure		115	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		155	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2013	3,051		89,268
2010	3,054		89,118
2000	3,033		81,826
1990	2,614		74,998
1980	2,198		65,806
1970	1,670		54,914
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,374	Female	1,677
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			135
Age 5 to 19			570
Age 20 to 34			431
Age 35 to 54			838
Age 55 to 64			511
Age 65 and over			566
Median Age			45.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			93.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher			27.1%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Per capita income			\$26,641
Median family income			\$62,969
Median household income			\$48,429
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$43,906
Female			\$36,439
Individuals below the poverty level			11.9%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2003		2013
Civilian labor force	1,589		1,452
Employed	1,512		1,376
Unemployed	77		76
Unemployment rate	4.8%		5.2%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003		2013
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	505		492
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 877		\$ 917
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	567		642
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 429		\$ 523
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	1,072		1,134
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 640		\$ 694
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	297		303
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 521		\$ 706
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,369		1,437
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 614		\$ 697

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Newfound Area (Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, New Hampton)** District: **SAU 4**

Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Applied Technology Center** Region: **5**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	K 1-3
Total Enrollment	391	259	377	10

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Laconia**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **84**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Newfound Area Schools	Education	250	
Freudenberg-NOK	Oil, grease seals, molded rubber	210	1949
Shop 'n Save	Supermarket	30	
TD Bank	Banking services	25	1970
Homestead Restaurant	Restaurant	25	1975
RP Williams & Sons	Retail lumber store	21	1950
Shackett's Grocery	Convenience store	20	1945
Town of Bristol	Municipal services	1	1819

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	3A, 104
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 23
	Distance	6 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Newfound Valley, Bristol	Runway	1,900 ft. asphalt
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	60 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		55 miles
Portland, Maine		94 miles
Boston, Mass.		105 miles
New York City, NY		310 miles
Montreal, Quebec		228 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.0%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.9%
Other means	2.2%
Worked at home	5.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	38.4 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	22.4
Commuting to another NH community	67.4
Commuting out-of-state	10.2

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Ragged, Tenney, Waterville Valley Mountains
	Other: Wellington State Park